

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Cell Biology SBIR/STTR.

Date: March 13, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Fairmont Washington, DC, 2401 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Alexandra M. Ainsztein, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5144, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-3848, ainsztea@csr.nih.gov.

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Dated: February 2, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of Research on Women's Health; Notice of Meeting; Moving Into the Future—New Dimensions and Strategies for Women's Health Research for the National Institutes of Health

Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the Center for Women's Infectious Disease Research, Washington University School of Medicine, will convene a public hearing and scientific workshop on March 4-6, 2009, at Washington University, Edward P. Newman Education Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

Purpose of the Meeting

With rapid advances in science and wider global understanding of women's health and sex/gender contributions to well-being and disease, the purpose of the meeting is to ensure that NIH continues to support cutting edge women's health research that is based upon the most advanced techniques and methodologies. The conference format will promote an interactive discussion involving leading scientists, advocacy groups, public policy experts, health care providers, and the general public. The St. Louis conference is the first in a series that will be convened

throughout the Nation to assist the ORWH and the NIH to move into the next decade of women's health research.

As science and technology advance and fields such as computational biology demonstrate the power of interdisciplinary research, it remains critical for sex and gender factors to be integrated into broad experimental methodologies and scientific approaches, such as genomics and the Human Microbiome Project, to maximize the value of these comprehensive and powerful approaches. Biomedical and behavioral research are also necessary to understand how cultural, ethnic, and racial differences influence the cause, diagnosis, progression, treatment, and outcome of disease among different populations, including women of diverse geographic locations and socioeconomic backgrounds. Furthermore, health disparities among diverse populations of women remain a critical area in need of continued focus and attention.

The ORWH challenges all conference attendees to assist it and the NIH in defining the women's health research agenda of the future and to think beyond traditional women's health issues. The attendees need to identify creative strategies that are best poised for advancement, address innovative ways to approach persistent issues of health and disease, and explore new scientific concepts and investigative approaches. The attendees need to pay attention to new areas of science application, new technologies, or continuing basic science investigations. The attendees should also consider clinical questions that are not currently the focus of research priorities to ensure that women's health research is optimally served and that the ORWH can continue to provide leadership for the benefit of women's health, nationally and internationally.

Conference Format

The Conference will consist of public testimony followed by scientific panels and six concurrent workshops. Specifically, on March 4, individuals representing the full spectrum of organizations interested in biomedical and behavioral research on women's health issues will have an opportunity to provide public testimony from 2-6 p.m. On March 5, the intersection of health care, public policy, and biomedical research will be addressed in a keynote speech designed to stimulate discussion by subsequent panels. The panels will focus on emerging issues and trends in health care that will be facing the Nation and

on research paradigms of the future. The six concurrent afternoon sessions will focus on a range of research areas, including metagenomics/microbiome, chronic pain, urogenital disorders, the brain and neuropsychiatric disorders, urogenital infection, and obesity and eating disorders. On March 6, the morning session will be devoted to reports from the workshop co-chairs on the deliberations of the workshops.

Throughout the sessions, conference attendees will be encouraged to assist the ORWH and NIH in shaping the future of women's health research and, by extension, informing health care policy. The conference will adjourn at 1 p.m. on March 6.

Public Testimony

The ORWH invites individuals representing organizations with an interest in research areas related to women's health to provide written and oral testimony on these topics and/or on issues related to women in biomedical careers. Due to time constraints, only one representative from an organization or professional specialty group will present oral testimony, with presentations limited to 5-7 minutes. Similarly, individuals not representing an organized entity but a personal point of view will have the same time constraint. A letter of intent to present such testimony should be sent electronically to <http://www.orwhmeetings.com/newdirections/> or by mail to Ms. Jory Barone, Educational Services, Inc., 4350 East-West Highway, Suite 1100, Bethesda, MD 20814, joryb@esi-dc.com. The date of receipt of the communication will establish the order of presentations at the March meeting.

Testimony should include a brief description of the organization; is limited to no more than 10 pages, double spaced, 12 point font size; and should be forwarded to the Web site listed above no later than February 20, 2009.

Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written statements only should send two (2) copies of their statements, electronically or by mail, to the above Web site or address by February 20, 2009. All written testimony will be made available to the conferees prior to the March 4 meeting date. Logistics questions related to the March conference should be addressed to Ms. Jory Barone at ESI, while program-specific questions should be addressed to Dr. Jennifer Stine Elam at Washington University, 314-747-0729, elam@wustl.edu.

This conference is the first of four regional public hearings and scientific

workshops of similar design to be convened by the ORWH. At the conclusion of the regional conferences, the ORWH will hold a meeting at the NIH to develop a summation of the deliberations from the regional conferences. The resulting report to the ORWH and the NIH will ensure that women's health research will incorporate vigorous new ideas and approaches in the next decade.

Dated: February 3, 2009.

Raynard S. Kington,

Acting Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Date: February 24, 2009.

Closed: 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Open: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: The agenda will include opening remarks, administrative matters, Director's Report, NCMHD Health Disparities update,

Scientific Programs Highlight, and other business of the Council.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Donna Brooks, Asst. Director for Administration, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-2135, brooksd@ncmhd.nih.gov.

Any member of the public interested in presenting oral comments to the committee may notify the Contact Person listed on this notice at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. Interested individuals and representatives of organizations may submit a letter of intent, a brief description of the organization represented, and a short description of the oral presentation. Only one representative of an organization may be allowed to present oral comments and if accepted by the committee, presentations may be limited to five minutes. Both printed and electronic copies are requested for the record.

In addition, any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding their statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Dated: February 2, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2008-1036]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget: OMB Control Numbers: 1625-0079 and 1625-0088

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding two Information Collection Requests (ICRs), abstracted below, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension

of its approval for the following collections of information: 1625-0079, Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1995 and 1997 Amendments to the International Convention; and 1625-0088, Voyage Planning for Tank Barge Transits in the Northeast United States. Our ICRs describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before March 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2008-1036] to the Docket Management Facility (DMF) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) or to OIRA. To avoid duplication, please submit your comments by only one of the following means:

(1) *Electronic submission.* (a) To Coast Guard docket at <http://www.regulation.gov>. (b) To OIRA by e-mail via: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

(2) *Mail or Hand delivery.* (a) DMF (M-30), DOT, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand deliver between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) To OIRA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) *Fax.* (a) To DMF, 202-493-2251. (b) To OIRA at 202-395-6566. To ensure your comments are received in time, mark the fax to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

The DMF maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket, will become part of the docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Copies of the ICRs are available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from Commandant (CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, (Attn: Mr. Arthur Requina), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-475-3523.